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SPEAKER: The Chair appoints Senators Skarda and Mahoney to escort the Acting Governor to the rostrum.

SGT AT ARMS: Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Mr. Sgt At Arms.

SGT AT ARMS: Your committee now escorting the Honorable Frank Marsh, Acting Governor of the State of Nebraska.

SPEAKER: The program will now be placed in charge of the Acting Governor.

ACTING GOVERNOR: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On this rather climatically disagreeable day, it seems that the state is in need of a little bit of help here, in order to make the day just a little brighter, and I think I have just the right combination to do this. It is my pleasure this morning to introduce to you Ernie Snider who is the President of the Native Sons and Daughters and is responsible for putting together and promoting interest in the state of Nebraska, and of course, also for our birthday celebration. I'd like Ernie to stand up, I think you folks would want to greet him here, Ernie. Likewise, no birthday celebration would be complete without the feminine touch which did not bake the cake, but is responsible for the acquisition of the cake that we are going to consume later out in the rotunda, and so it is my pleasure to present to you Joanie Peterson who is responsible for the actual birthday cake that is here this morning and is charge of that particular culinary part of the program. Mrs. Peterson. Now the real stars of the act this morning are from Meadow Lane School, Mrs. Vern Burling is their instructor and they are from the third grade there, and they have been studying Nebraska history, and it's my understanding that they have a routine worked out, and they have some surprises in store, and I would only caution you that for all practical purposes, you Senators, you're under a call of the house, and I don't want any of you getting up out of your seats and go charging around, because it's rather incumbent upon you this morning that you stay hitched in your seat. So now I'm going to turn the program over to the third grade students from Meadow Lane School here, for whatever it is they have in charge, and I'll have to caution them that you're in the Legislative Chamber now, so remember, do your best.

CHILDREN: Singing.

SPEAKER: My understanding of this is that this is the day to make a new friend and so you are being provided with the opportunity here. (Children were shaking Senator's hands). I'm sure the Senators share the observation with me that what would a birthday party be like without kids.

MRS. BURLING: We'd like to present the Lt. Governor and all you Senators with a card from us for Nebraska's Birthday.

SPEAKER: That's magnificent, and I know that I speak on behalf of all the Senators and even on behalf of Nebraska, I want to say thank you for your presentation this morning. That's very nice of you, and I know that even though you have been studying Nebraska, that I can tell from your singing skill that you've been practicing and I want to thank you for your song, that was very well done, thank you for the picture.

CHILD: We'd like to have all you Senators sing happy birthday to Nebraska with us.